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SECURITY -- [REDACTED] -- CENSER MESSAGE -- 5009 CHARACTERS
REFERENCE FROM COMIPAC HONOLULU HI, SSN 0 AT 14 0509Z FEB85

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FINAL SECTION OF 02

(B) [REDACTED] THE PRC HAS BEEN BUILDING JIANGHUS SINCE 1975. FOURTEEN UNITS WERE BUILT BY 1980 AT A RATE OF TWO TO THREE PER YEAR. CHINA'S PRODUCTION OF JIANGHUS FOR ITS OWN NAVY HAS SLOWED SINCE THEN, WITH ONLY TWO PLA NAVY UNITS BEING BUILT. CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ADDITIONAL JIANGHUS FOR THE PLA NAVY WOULD SUSTAIN THE FLEET AT CURRENT LEVELS IN THE NEAR TERM AND GIVE THE NAVY THE OPTION TO RECOMMISSION SOME OF THE RIGA-CLASS FRIGATES WHICH WERE BUILT IN THE 50'S.

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